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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: UNEF EXTENSION

REF: A. STATE 169246 B. CAIRO 7051

1. I MET FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA AGAIN JULY 18 AND CONVEYED TO HIM POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 1 THROUGH 7 OF REFTEL A. I ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY IN COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION TO ASSURE HIM THAT WE WERE CONSULTING ON SC COURSES OF ACTION ONLY WITH EGYPTIANS, AND NOT WITH ISRAELIS (PARA 8 REFTEL A).

2. FAHMY REFLECTED BRIEFLY ON YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS AND THEN WENT INTO HIS BEACH CABIN TO TELEPHONE PRESIDENT SADAT WITH WHOM HE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION. AFTER COMPLETING THE CALL, HE ASKED ME TO RECORD VERBATIM THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO YOU:

QUOTE

I HAVE READ THE TWO MESSAGES (REFTEL A AND STATE 169402) TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM THOROUGHLY. HE ASKED ME TO MAKE CLEAR THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

(1) THAT HE IS UNHAPPY THAT HE IS BEING KEPT COMPLETELY IN THE DARK UP UNTIL NOW ABOUT WHAT IS TAKING PLACE AND THE POSSIBILITIES

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ABOUT A FURTHER MOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM

AND PRESIDENT FORD IN SALZBURG.

(2) THAT HE IS READY TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION REGARDING  
UNEF ON FOUR COUNTS:

A) BECAUSE PRESIDENT SADAT, AS HE TOLD PRESIDENT FORD IN  
SALZBURG, WILL NOT LET HIM DOWN.

B) IN ACCEPTING A FURTHER EXTENSION, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR BEYOND  
ANY DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE THE LAST EXTENSION, IF NO PROGRESS IS  
ACHIEVED PROMPTLY.

C) THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE VERY CANDID WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND  
KISSINGER THAT, IN ACCEPTING TO RECONSIDER THE EGYPTIAN POSITION  
IN REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF UNEF, AND, IN CASE AFTER THAT PROGRESS  
IS NOT ACHIEVED ACCORDING TO HIS AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH  
WAS, AGAIN CONFIRMED BY THE US, HE WILL CONSIDER THAT US IS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE.

D) THAT HE NOTICED, IN ADDITION, THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS  
PROFITING FROM THE SITUATION, AND PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT WISH  
TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT FORD.

(3) UPON RECEIVING THE APPEAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL, AFTER BEING AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
COUNCIL, PRESIDENT SADAT WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY FOR A FURTHER  
EXTENSION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS ONLY,  
REPEAT THREE MONTHS. (THE PERIOD OF EXTENSION AND THE ANSWER OF  
PRESIDENT SADAT SHOULD BE KEPT IN FULL DISCRETION BETWEEN US AND  
EGYPT AND SHOULD NOT BE TOLD EITHER TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR ANY MEMBER, AND CERTAINLY NOT TO ISRAEL.  
PRESIDENT SADAT ADDED THAT, IF THERE WILL BE A LEAK ABOUT THE  
PERIOD OF THE EXTENSION, HE WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, AGREE TO THE  
EXTENSION.)

(4) MOREOVER, THE APPEAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, MENTION ANY SPECIFIC PERIOD.

(5) UPON RECEIVING THE APPEAL, EGYPT WILL PROBABLY RESPOND AS  
INDICATED ABOVE.

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(6) HOWEVER, THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED  
LATER BY THE COUNCIL MUST BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE US AND EGYPT  
AND APPROVED BY CAIRO.

UNQUOTE

3. FAHMY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY

OF EGYPT'S INTENTIONS. HE CAUTIONED THAT HIS UN REP HAS NOT BEEN TOLD OF THIS DECISION. I EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT, SINCE PRESIDENT AND SC MEMBERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN APPEAL, IT MAY NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR CLEVER NEWSMEN TO SPECULATE ON EGYPTIAN REACTION AND GUESS AT DURATION. FAHMY REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL WHAT IS SPECULATION AND WHAT IS BASED ON DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL.

4. FAHMY COMMENTED ON YOUR REPEATED PREFERENCE FOR 6 MONTH EXTENSION, NOTING THE SIMILARITY WITH RABIN'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE DELAY OF UP TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE ANY SETTLEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED. (IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT I MENTIONED OUR CONSULTATION ONLY WITH EGYPTIANS ON THIS QUESTION.) HE ASKED HOW EGYPTIANS COULD AGREE TO 6 MONTH EXTENSION NOW WHEN THEY ARE ANGRY, AFTER HAVING ONLY AGREED TO 3 MONTHS LAST TIME.

5. FAHMY SAW NO NEED FOR CONFIRMATION OF EXTENSION SCENARIO, (REFTEL B), AND EXPECTED YOU TO PROCEED AHEAD. IF THERE WERE ANY MESSAGES, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN CAIRO AT ABOUT 1300 HOURS LOCAL TOMORROW JULY 19.  
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